

**23** since all have sinned and fall short of the  
glory of God,

Romans 3:23 (RSV)

**1** Now when Jesus had finished these sayings, he went away from Galilee and entered the region of Judea beyond the Jordan; **2** and large crowds followed him, and he healed them there. **3** And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one’s wife for any cause?” **4** He answered, “Have you not read that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female, **5** and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two

shall become one flesh'? **6** So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder." **7** They said to him, "Why then did Moses command one to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?" **8** He said to them, "For your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so. **9** And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for unchastity, and marries another, commits adultery." **10** The disciples said to him,

“If such is the case of a man with his wife, it is not expedient to marry.” **11** But he said to them, “Not all men can receive this saying, but only those to whom it is given. **12** For there are eunuchs who have been so from birth, and there are eunuchs who have been made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of heaven. He who is able to receive this, let him receive it.” **13** Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray.

The disciples rebuked the people; **14** but Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” **15** And he laid his hands on them and went away. **16** And behold, one came up to him, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?” **17** And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? One there is who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” **18** He said to him, “Which?” And Jesus said, “You shall not kill, You shall not

commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, **19** Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” **20** The young man said to him, “All these I have observed; what do I still lack?” **21** Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” **22** When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. **23** And Jesus said to his disciples,

“Truly, I say to you, it will be hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. **24** Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” **25** When the disciples heard this they were greatly astonished, saying, “Who then can be saved?” **26** But Jesus looked at them and said to them, “With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.” **27** Then Peter said in reply, “Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we

have?” **28** Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. **29** And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. **30** But many that are first will be last, and the last first.

Matthew 19:1-30 (RSV)

**8** For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God— **9** not because of works, lest any man should boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (RSV)

**1** Then said Jesus to the crowds and to his disciples, **2** “The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; **3** so practice and observe whatever they tell you, but not what they do; for they preach, but do not practice. **4** They bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men’s shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with their finger. **5** They do all their deeds to be seen by men; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, **6** and they love the place of honor at feasts and the

best seats in the synagogues, **7** and salutations in the market places, and being called rabbi by men. **8** But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brethren. **9** And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. **10** Neither be called masters, for you have one master, the Christ. **11** He who is greatest among you shall be your servant; **12** whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

**13** “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you shut the kingdom of heaven against men; for you neither enter yourselves, nor allow those who would enter to go in. **15** Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you traverse sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell as yourselves. **16** “Woe to you, blind guides, who say, ‘If any one swears by the temple, it is nothing; but if any one swears by

the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.’  
**17** You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold  
or the temple that has made the gold sacred? **18**  
And you say, ‘If any one swears by the altar, it is  
nothing; but if any one swears by the gift that is  
on the altar, he is bound by his oath.’ **19** You  
blind men! For which is greater, the gift or the  
altar that makes the gift sacred? **20** So he who  
swears by the altar, swears by it and by  
everything on it; **21** and he who swears by the  
temple, swears by it and by him who dwells in it;

**22** and he who swears by heaven, swears by the throne of God and by him who sits upon it.

**23** “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law, justice and mercy and faith; these you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. **24** You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!

**25** “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you cleanse the outside of the

cup and of the plate, but inside they are full of extortion and rapacity. **26** You blind Pharisee! first cleanse the inside of the cup and of the plate, that the outside also may be clean.

**27** “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within they are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness. **28** So you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but within you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity. **29** “Woe to you, scribes

and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, **30** saying, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' **31** Thus you witness against yourselves, that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. **32** Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers. **33** You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell? **34** Therefore I send you

prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from town to town, **35** that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of innocent Abel to the blood of Zechari'ah the son of Barachi'ah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. **36** Truly, I say to you, all this will come upon this generation. **37** "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to you! How often

would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! **38** Behold, your house is forsaken and desolate. **39** For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Matthew 23:1-39 (RSV)

**23** Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men,

Colossians 3:23 (RSV)